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SUBJECT: OASGA - CUBA POLICY

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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER MORNING APRIL 2 SINCE I HAD NOT BEEN SATISFIED WITH THERE MATTERS HAD BEEN LEFT IN OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION REGARDING DOMINICAN POSITION ON POLICY TOWARD CUBA. I EMPHASIZED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE U. S. DELEGATION WILL OPPOSE ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN OAS POLICY TOWARD CUBA AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TOLD HIM WE WERE COUNTING ON THE CONTINUED STRONG SUPPORT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. AN ABSTENTION VOTE OR ANY WEAKENING OR UNDERCUTTING OF PRESENT OAS POLICY WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED HELPFUL.

2. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION FOREIGN MINISTER ASSURED ME DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UNDERSTANDS U. S. POSITION AND WILL SUPPORT IT FIRMLY. IN RETURN FOR THIS ASSURANCE HE ASKED THAT U. S. GIVE TIMELY ADVANCE INFORMATION TO DOMINICANS SHOULD WE CONSIDER ANY CHANGE OR MODIFICATION IN OUR POLICY. I REPLIED THAT I WAS SURE U. S. DELEGATION WILL BE IN CLOSEST TOUCH WITH DOMINICAN DELEGATION AND WILL KEEP THEM CURRENTLY INFORMED OF OUR THINKING.

3. IN COMPARING NOTES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON PROBABLE VOTE TALLY
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(PARAGRAPH 4 REFTTEL), HIS VIEWS WERE SIMILAR TO OURS EXCEPT HE WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO THE POSITION OF COSTA RICA AND COLOMBIA.

4. COMMENT: I BELIEVE WE CAN NOW COUNT ON DOMINICAN SUPPORT AT THIS SESSION, PARTICULARLY IF WE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM IN WASHINGTON. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THEY ARE MOST UNEASY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ISOLATED WITH THE U. S. IN A MINORITY POSITION AND FEARFUL, DESPITE OUR ASSURANCES, THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE WE MAY MAKE AN ABOUT- FACE WITHOUT GIVING THEM TIME TO REVERSE OR MODIFY THEIR OWN POSITION GRACEFULLY.
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